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As members of the Rivershed team continue travelling the Fraser Watershed, we want to thank the communities and individuals who have generously welcomed and connected with us so far.



Photo by Emily Pearson

Last week, we travelled 95 kms onboard the Cedar Spirit, a 35-foot Voyageur canoe. The paddle started in Tête Jaune Cache, after an initial practice paddle on Yellowhead Lake, and finished in McBride. We had a memorable overnight stop in Dunster, where the community welcomed us with a fantastic reception that lifted our spirits after a long day of paddling into a strong headwind. This was an incredible experience, connecting with Watershed Defenders who shared their hospitality, delicious food and invaluable information about local Watershed CPR (Connect. Protect. Restore) efforts.

The team is now in the Nechako region and will be carrying on to the Cariboo Chilcotin afterward. If you are in the area, we invite you to connect by replying to this email or in person at the following events:

September 3: [Prince George | Wilson Square Community Farmer's Market.](#)

September 9: [Williams Lake Farmer's Market.](#)

September 10: [Horsefly River Roundtable Salmon Festival.](#)

▣ Rivershed News



Photo by Aleena Oates

Quotes from the Water

We would like to share a couple of quotes from Watershed Defenders who joined us on the water last weekend. Neither of these community members had paddled on the Fraser River before. We hope their words inspire you!

"Before I did this trip, the Fraser did not mean a whole lot to me. But the passion that the Rivershed team and of the community of Dunster has shown me the importance of protecting it". - Eddie Horgan

"Joining the Rivershed team on the water was a wonderful experience, I got to see the scenery of the Robson Valley from a different perspective than I have ever seen before. It was nice to see the different habitats, the terrains and mountaintops from a whole different viewpoint. Seeing the river from this new perspective reminded me of the importance of protecting it, both for the people and the wildlife. The Fraser is the largest artery of life throughout B.C., for transportation, for food, for everything we do. It is the corridor that we travel upon, and the main reason why the province grew to be what it is." - Charles

▣ News from the Watershed

Call to Action: Ask the BC Government to Create a New Watershed Security Fund ☐☐

The BC Government is in the process of deciding what to include in the 2023 BC Budget. This is a critical opportunity to allocate resources for the health of our watersheds and for the safety of our communities. Use [this letter-writing tool](#) from our friends at CodeBlue BC, to ask decision-makers to include a New Watershed Security Fund in Budget 2023.

Call for Submissions: Festival of Ocean Films ☐☐

Our friends at the Georgia Street Alliance are now accepting applications for their next Festival of Ocean Films, to take place on February 2023. The festival is a chance to dive deep and explore the ocean through the power of film. Learn more about the festival and the film selection criteria [here](#).

Government of Canada and Province of British Columbia

Support 14 Fish and Seafood Innovation Projects ☐☐

The federal government has recently announced \$9.9 million in funding for 14 projects under the British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (BCSRIF). [Learn more about the projects here](#). They also announced the doubling of funding contributions for BCSRIF and the extension of the program to 2026. [Details can be found here](#).

Sensitive Fish Habitat Near Chilliwack, B.C. Now Off-Limits. ☐☐

A temporary closure was recently set in place to protect fish and fish habitat until a long-term management plan is put in place to protect the area. Read more [here](#).

Late Summer Sockeye Salmon Returns Weaker Than Projected in the Fraser ☐☺

Optimism over an expected bumper season for wild British Columbia sockeye salmon has turned to distress after an estimate of returns to the Fraser River dropped by nearly half this week. Read the latest news [here](#).

Dozens of Dead Fish Found in North Delta Creek ☐☐

Local conservationists are sounding the alarm after witnessing a localized fish kill in North Delta's Cougar Creek. Read more [here](#).

☐Events

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Action for Healthy Communities (Online)

September 8. Join West Coast Executive Director Jessica Clogg and local government leaders for a webinar exploring how a new BC law for biodiversity and ecosystem health can benefit local governments and communities in BC. Register [here](#).

□ Opportunities

Outward Bound Canada is hiring a [Senior Human Resource Manager](#).

Birds Canada is seeking a [Director of Human Resources](#).

Clean Prosperity is looking for a [Director for Western Canada](#), a [Director of Federal Government Relations](#), and a [Communications Manager](#).

The Fraser Valley Regional District is hiring an [Environmental Policy Analyst](#).

This newsletter is full of content provided by **YOU**, and we can't thank you enough for sharing!

Please continue sending us any news, events or opportunities that you would like to promote throughout the watershed as we continue to build a network of Watershed Defenders.

If you want any content included in our next Newsletter, [please email us the details](#) by September 12! 😊



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